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HIS ASSURANCE.

By CUTHBERT BAKER.

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Carstairs, though a gentleman, had the most unbounded assurance, and his resource was not less. He was very fond of telling how he got into places where there was no admittance except for a favored few and got out of scrapes simply by his unmitigated nerve.

In Paris he had secured an interview with the president of the French republic by despatching up to the Elysee palace in an automobile, alighting and talking past the guards and attendants as though he were some immensely important personage, and having thus gained the ear of the president secured a valuable concession.

When Carstairs went to Naples friends he met there warned him, as strangers are always warned, against the dishonesty and trickery of the Neapolitans. "Why," said one French American importation, "I go out with 20 francs in my pocket, spend 5 and return to my hotel with 3. How they do it I don't know." Carstairs replied that he would never fall to count his change and therefore he couldn't lose anything.

Carstairs had spent so much time in northern Italy—he owned a villa on Lake Como—that he spoke Italian like a native. While in Naples he decided to give a dinner to a number of friends at the Hotel Murat. On the day of the dinner and just before the hour it was to take place there came up a sudden heavy shower. Carstairs wore a silk hat and also evening dress under a thin overcoat and had no umbrella. There are plenty of cabs in Naples, but every one in that neighborhood was appropriated by persons caught in the shower. Carstairs stood in the vestibule of a shop. Looking at his watch, he saw that it was within five minutes of the hour set for his dinner party. Seeing a well-dressed man go by with an umbrella in the direction which he himself wanted to go, his assurance and inventive power came to the front. Dashing out from cover, he slipped his hand on the man's arm familiarly and said:

"What luck! I've been looking for you all over the city. I have great news for you. Signorina Paoli has given me a message for you which she would intrust to no one else, knowing that you are my most intimate friend and I am yours."

The man started to interrupt, but Carstairs gave him no opportunity.

"She regrets exceedingly," he went on, "her treatment of you and wishes to make amends. But her parents are very watchful. She wishes you to meet her in the park, or, rather, at the sea wall opposite the park, tomorrow evening just before dark. She will walk from north to south, while you are to walk in the opposite direction, starting at exactly 7 o'clock. If

this weather is pleasant and the sea smooth have a boat at the center steps. She fears to meet some one who knows her, so she will be disguised, but you will know her by a flower that she will carry in her left hand.

"There, you lucky dog, you should consider yourself under undying obligations to me for consenting to bear the message. Had I not loved you so well I would not have done it, nor would the signorina have intrusted me with her confidence."

At this juncture the two reached the Hotel Murat, and Carstairs, with a "Goodbye, dear boy! I wish you a pleasant boat ride tomorrow evening with your sweetheart," ran into the doorway.

The guests were assembled and all sat down to dinner. Carstairs was in high good humor. One of the company was smirking at having received in change three counterfeit five franc pieces.

"Never," said the unfortunate person, "have I mingled with a people so tricky as the Neapolitans."

"Oh, you don't know how to handle them," said Carstairs. "If you wish to be immune from being robbed you must tickle their vanity, and the way to do that is to tell a man of some woman who is dying for him."

And Carstairs told of how he had secured the use of an umbrella.

"But the man must have supposed that you had made a mistake," remarked one of the party. "He could have had no interest in this girl."

"Ah, you don't know the Italian! They are so full of romance that the fellow doubtless enjoyed the matter as much as if it were his own."

"Your shirt bosom is unbuttoned," Carstairs, said one of his friends, "and your necktie is away up under your left ear. You should have looked in a mirror before sitting down to dinner."

Carstairs put his hand to his shirt front, where he wore two diamond studs for which he had recently paid \$500 each. They were both gone. A trifle pale, he thrust his hand into the pocket where he kept his wallet. It was not there. It had contained \$400. It was not the loss of the studs or the money that affected Carstairs. It was the fact that he had been "done" by an Italian upon whom he thought he was playing an innocent joke. The expression on his face was one of shamefacedness.

"What is it, old man?" asked a guest. "What is it? Why, I have given two diamond studs and 2,000 lire for the use of that umbrella."

For a few moments all looked seriously sympathetic, then the ludicrous side of the adventure got the better of the party, and all burst into laughter.

"My friends," said Carstairs, having recovered himself and raising his glass, "here's to the Neapolitans, the prestidigitators of the world!"

A Braggart.
"Pa, what is a braggart?"
"He's a man, my son, who is not afraid to express his real opinion of himself."—Boston Transcript.

AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

Important Week Ahead for Congress

SPECIAL MESSAGES DUE

President Favors Constructive Legislation, Has a Progressive Program and Expects to Put It Through.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—This week will be beyond question the most important to Congress at this period of the year should the president, as is expected, bombard the capitol with those special measures he has been busy over, and which it is believed will carry considerable dynamite in them. From all accounts, they will offer suggestions on legislation that Theodore Roosevelt would not have dreamed of expecting Congress to carry out, and yet Mr. Taft approaches Congress with expectations that his advice will be heeded, and the situation is such that it would seem his expectations are not unwarranted. The only constructive program before Congress is the president's program so far offered, and that is to come next week and in the days immediately thereafter.

The time is ripe for action in relation to the interstate commerce acts, conservation, editing the Sherman anti-trust law, postal savings and ship subsidy, and however much all of these may be objectionable to the leaders in Congress, who, after all are still quite reactionary, they will have to swallow at the least small bites of them.

The president is for constructive legislation, and he has ideas and he knows what he wants done, and how he can do it, and he is not minded to see his administration go into history as unproductive of forward results after starting with many promises. The president can be tenacious and as unbending as a steel mast, as certain incidents of the tariff struggle of last year showed. To thwart the president, it is necessary to have some kind of foil, but this the leaders in neither house have. Just to sit and pass the routine bills is no program worth the name. There are men, too, in Congress who want things done; a great many are on the anxious seat about re-election, and they know that a doing-nothing Congress puts them in a serious plight before their constituents. The president, too, might be expected to have an eye on the chances for a second term, and pointing to nothing as having been accomplished in his term legislatively is no recommendation for a re-election. So, then, the administration is bound to have support in Congress for the realization of its program, should any concert arise among the powers on the hill to let well enough alone. A strong administration group could quickly be formed which would mean considerable trouble for those who would sit around and just grin.

It would seem that there is real desire, even among the leaders, to back the administration. But the proof of the pudding is in the eating. Mr. Taft is to supply the pudding; how delectable a one, the coming week will forecast. In other words, the real trial of the Republican party at the White House, where is indeed its real leader for better or worse, and of the sheep and the goats at the capitol is now about to begin. Certain leaders have thought that the session would be uneventful, and many thoughtful men desirous of a strong program have thought similarly and with disgust. It does seem as if they must be mistaken. If their fears or wishes shall be realized, the party in power, it would appear, has deliberately planned suicide, but such has not heretofore been the habit of the Republicans. It has arisen to the occasion and shown wonderful ability in constructive legislation, an ability that even Democrats in Congress have conceded and admired. The reins are in Mr. Taft's hands. It looks as if the horses were inclined to obey a firm and certain driver.

Bean Cutlets With Tomato Purée.
This is a vegetarian dish. Different kinds of beans may be used for these cutlets, but undoubtedly the Boston baked beans are the most savory. Press about two cupsful of cooked beans through a puree sieve, season with pepper and salt if needed (the canned beans are already salted), add just sufficient beaten egg to bind the mass together, form with the hands into cutlet shapes and set aside for a short time; roll in beaten egg and then in breadcrumbs and fry in hot fat till brown. Serve on rice and pour around the dish some good tomato purée. To make the puree sieve some stewed tomatoes (canned or fresh) to remove the seeds, season with salt and pepper and add a small piece of butter.

California Pudding.
Cover a saucepan two inches in depth with tart stewed fruit (apples are nice), bring to boiling point and pour over the fruit the following batter: One tablespoonful of butter, one-half cupful of sugar, one egg, beaten; one-half cupful of milk, one cupful of flour sifted with one teaspoonful of baking powder and vanilla.

Bake quickly and serve with a tart lemon sauce, to which add a little grated lemon peel and a bit of nutmeg.

Handy Electric Cleaner.
One of the most convenient electric cleaners ever put on the market, if not the most convenient up to date, is that herewith shown. As can be seen, this cleaner is quite small and can be carried about with ease. It weighs only eight pounds and takes up no more storeroom than an ordinary sweeper. In operation, however, it is a giant for work. Attached to an electric light fixture, it can be operated for

FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

Polished Tables.

Every housekeeper knows how hard it is to keep a dining table in good condition, even when it is given the greatest care. One reason of this is that the surface is polished before the grease is removed. This is best done by putting a little gasoline in lukewarm water and rubbing the boards with a well dampened cloth. Rub in a circular direction and do not have the cloth wet enough to have the water stand on the wood. Wipe until nearly dry; then polish with a soft flannel and a furniture polish. This final polishing should be done with the grain of the wood or it will leave a blurred surface. Rub hard until the wood is hot and shining. It is only by hard and constant rubbing that a table which is in constant use can be kept free of bad scars and marks.

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less than a cent an hour, as far as the cost of power goes, and the agitator has 10,000 pounding blows per minute. At the end of the cleaner is a powerful suction fan that sucks every particle of dirt from curtains, walls, upholstery and furniture and sends it into the sack that stretches along the handle. When the sack is full it can be quickly emptied in the ash barrel. Strong as the suction is, it cannot injure the finest rug or curtain, and there is also a felt pad for hardwood floors and other woodwork.

Penicillin.
Put into a saucepan a cupful of milk and three cups of light brown sugar. Boil until a little dropped into lead water forms a soft ball when rolled between the thumb and fingers. Take from the fire, add a tablespoonful of butter and beat in a teaspoonful of vanilla, and stir in briskly a cupful of pecan nut meats broken into coarse pieces. Drop by the spoonful upon waxed paper.

Smothered Potatoes.
Pare and slice six or eight large potatoes. Fry four slices of salt pork on both sides (be careful not to burn), then add three or four small onions and a small piece of lean pork. Fry a few minutes, stirring with a knife. Add the potatoes and one cupful of hot water. Cover and cook about half an hour, stirring occasionally.

Scrapie.
Cook one pound of fresh pork until it drops from the bones. Pick the meat to pieces and strain the liquor, of which there should be one pint. Put the liquor and meat on to boil and thicken with Indian meal until it will harden enough when cold to cut up and dry in slices. Season the liquor with pepper and salt.

Black Pudding.
One cup molasses, one cup raisins, one cup hot water, one cup fat salt pork chopped fine, four for a thick batter, one teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of all kinds of spice and speck of salt. Steam four hours.

A Mountain Colloquy.
"Did your husband get that terrible red nose working out in the sunshine?" asked one woman.
"No," answered the other. "That isn't sunshine. That's moonshine!"—Washington Times.

12 LOST IN SEA TRAGEDY

Survivors of Sunken Vessel Drift 48 Hours in Boat

THEIR SUFFERING INTENSE

Twelve Shipmates in Another Boat Are Prey to Storm and Huge Waves, Were All Sailors on the Ship Johanna.

New York, Jan. 3.—Twelve men were lost on Thanksgiving day of last year, when the British schooner Johanna went down not 150 miles from the Delaware breakwater.

The survivors, including Captain Dickerson of Chelsea, Mass., were brought to port here Saturday from St. Thomas, in the Danish West India, by the steamer Korono of the Quebec Steamship company, having been saved after drifting two days in an open boat.

"The Johanna was bound for the breakwater from the Philippines for orders," said Captain C. A. Dickerson Saturday. "When she became unseaworthy in heavy weather, two lifeboats were put out—one with 13 men aboard, of which I took command, and the other with 12 men. There was a howling wind and a mountainous sea. My boat put out last. From moment to moment, we saw the other boat heave up against the sky line on the crest of a wave and then, presently, we saw her no more."

"We were picked up by the Nova Scotia schooner E. A. Sabean and carried to the West India."

It was 5 o'clock the morning of Thanksgiving day that the ship's carpenter reported to the captain of the Johanna that her port seams were opening up fast amidships. All hands were ordered to the pumps. The men worked hard, but no water was ejected. Down in the hold, the sugar bags were swollen to the bursting point, and, as they burst, they filled the hold with a thick treacle that clogged the pumps.

The men tried to bail against the ocean with hand buckets. After a day of killing work, the Johanna began to list heavily to port.

Twelve men and the mate put out first and the other boat was not long in following. Ten minutes after the boats left her, the Johanna sank.

No night was caught of a sail Friday or Saturday. Rainy days began to sink low. The men had been seven months at sea and for three weeks had lived on split peas and ship's biscuit. Their vitality was none too strong for a long, depressing night.

It was nearly a hopeless lot that caught sight, just at dusk on Saturday, of the schooner E. A. Sabean, bound with naphtha for Samana. The schooner sighted them and shaped her course to pick them up.

At Samana, 12 of the survivors took a steamer, where they transhipped for this port. William Joyce, a seaman, remained at Samana. All other survivors are Captain Dickerson of Chelsea, Mass.; Second Mate Wallace of Scotland, E. R. Dwyer of Montreal, B. C. Stewart; Oscar Gullberg, sailmaker, of Denmark; James Low, M. N. Omar and B. E. Masterson, able seamen, and four Filipinos.

GIVES \$2,000,000 XMAS GIFTS.
Rich Texan Makes Presents to His Three Children.

Fort Worth, Tex., Jan. 3.—Thomas Waggner, fifty-seven, ranchman, banker and capitalist of this city, has just given each of his three children property valued at \$2,000,000, as Christmas gifts.

One hundred thousand acres of land, 50,000 head of cattle and 1,000 horses are given to each child.

New Tuberculosis Cure Based on Medicine

Did it ever occur to you that the reason medical doctors have so little success in curing Tuberculosis is because they really do not practice medicine?

To say that a specific exists for the cure of Consumption is perhaps too strong a statement, but in Eckman's Alternative, we have a medicine that has been the means of saving many a life to years of usefulness and in permanently curing a large number of Consumptives.

Telling every sufferer to gorge himself with eggs and milk is apparently the limit of modern treatment. Certainly a person afflicted with a wasting disease should be well fed with wholesome nourishing food, but frequently raw eggs in quantities cause a digestive breakdown, and then no food nourishes. As for milk, a very good food for many, but a producer of biliousness for some.

Any diet that keeps a Consumptive well nourished is the right one, but what is going to cure the Patient—Eckman's Alternative has cured and is curing many a case of Consumption. Let those "peaks who know" here is a specimen:

FOR THE CHILDREN

Patty's Popcorn Party.

Seventy-eight in 1909 as Against 100 in 1908

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Crimes and alleged crimes against white women were the principal causes, and accusations of murder and theft were responsible for many cases. A charge of counterfeiting was the incentive in one case, and kidnapping in another.

The record by states is: Texas, thirteen; Georgia, twelve; Alabama, eight; Florida, eight; Louisiana, seven; Mississippi, seven; Oklahoma, five; Kentucky, four; South Carolina, three; Arkansas, three; Illinois, two; New Mexico, two; Missouri, one; Oregon, one; Virginia, one; West Virginia, one.

ASK FUND TO FIGHT BIG TRUST.
A. F. of L. Calls for \$154,000 to War on Steel Combine.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Officers of the American Federation of Labor issued a call Saturday night to the 1,540,000 members of the organization, calling on them to subscribe to a fund with which a bitter fight is to be begun against the United States Steel corporation.

The corporation, the call sets forth, is inimical alike to the interests of labor and to the country at large and it is termed a "bold and daring violator of the laws." The sum of \$154,000 will be raised by this first appeal, but further calls will be issued as the fight progresses.

This action was taken as the result of the conference held in Pittsburgh on Dec. 13 and 14, between the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers, the Tin Plate Workers' Protective association and the Toughnessmen's and Seamen's union. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was at the meeting.

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In his statement, Gompers, in unsparing language, assails the so-called "Steel trust" for its aggressions on labor, and charges it with conspiring against production, preventing an unmanipulated market, and striving for the elimination of a free press. He also charges it with paying dividends on many millions of watered stock, and declares that its financial methods are corrupt and indefensible.

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This plan, Mr. Gompers contends, is "a transparent deceit, through which a small minority of its employees are sought to be bribed to help in daily sweating the vast majority." Furthermore, the labor leader intimates, these profit-sharing employees are carefully selected, and they are in nearly every case men who are given to discouraging the agitation of their fellows for better living and working conditions.

Mother Nature's Quilt.
Wise Mother Nature started out one raw, bleak autumn day, With her plump arms filled with bed-quilt she'd made to give away. She had patched them for her children, some were new, and some were old. To keep them safe in winter from getting stiff and cold. For the little plants and rootlets, when the north wind moans and grooves, she brought to keep them cozy a heavy quilt of leaves. To the squirrels, tired of playing all the long, warm summer through, she gave a quilt of tree boughs, the best thing she could do. The little future butterflies received, each one I'm told, A cozy bedquilt, soft as silk, their bodies to infold. The woodchucks Mother Nature wrapped in bedquits made of earth. Tires not because of other things, I'm sure, she found a dearth. The bears in bedquits caves she rolled to keep them warm and snug. Where they might lie winter through, as tight as in a rug. For all her other children, too, she had some quilts as well. What were they and who had them? I wonder can you tell. —Youth's Companion.

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